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**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 – 11, 13, 14, 16 – 18, 23 and 24 are amended. Claim 12 is cancelled and no claims are added. Claims 1 – 11 and 13 – 28 are pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner pointed out that the phrase "the micro controller" in claim 1 lacked antecedent basis. The applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this oversight. The applicants have amended this phrase in claim 1 to read - -the controller- - and respectfully submit that claims 1 – 7 are now in proper form for allowance.

The applicants have amended claims 2, 9, 16 and 23 to more clearly reflect that the subject "memory" introduced in claim 1 may take any single one of several forms (FLASH, PROM, ASIC, PAL and/or FPGA) or any combinations thereof. Accordingly, these amendments to claims 1, 9, 16 and 23 are intended to more clearly delineate the intended subject matter and are not intended to narrow the scope in any respect.

Amendments were made to claims 3, 10, 17 and 24 to change the phrase "micro controller" to merely - - controller - - to reflect a more general class of devices or structures that perform as a "controller." Accordingly, this is intended as a broadening amendment and is not intended to narrow the scope of these claims in any respect.

The Examiner has allowed claims 15 – 28 and has indicated that claims 10 – 14, while objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants thank the Examiner for the positive disposition of these claims.

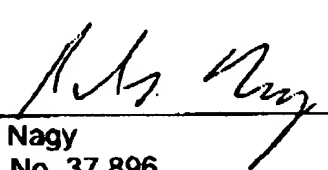
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner finds an reason why this application is not in condition for allowance, the applicants request to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (310) 541-7832 to discuss the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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